

Mexico Project Deadline Nears

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The ASUO Mexico Project Committee is ready to accept petitions and start the process of selecting project members, according to Chairman Merritt Fink.

The committee members, Nora Burmester, Steve Swig, and Tony Thorne, are placing emphasis on the cultural value of this project to University students. The ten students chosen will be offered a unique opportunity to participate in a student-organized project in another country; to work with, and learn from, the people and students from that country.

THE PROJECT will commence about two weeks after school is out and will last for two months, said Fink. Students will live in a group near the town of Cuernavaca, Mexico, and will work in several smaller villages in the surrounding area. Living conditions for the students are good, according to Fink.

Fink stated that the Mexico Project is primarily a service project, but emphasis will be placed on personal investigation. At the end of the summer, each student will be asked to write a research paper concerning his project and his experiences.

EACH STUDENT selected for the project will be assigned to a special project, either with a member of the group or alone. Project opportunities are available in many fields, depending on the qualifications of the student.

Two years of college Spanish, or the equivalent, will be required of applicants, but Fink said that the requirement could be waived for an exceptional student with only basic Spanish.

The opportunities to students who apply, as defined by the project committee are: first, the opportunity to work directly with the people in the project site, the opportunity to work on his own project, and the opportunity to learn to speak Spanish from students at Mexico City who have volunteered to help with the project and help the University students with their Spanish.

THE COMMITTEE reports that total cost per student for the project will be \$350, which includes transportation, room and board, and an average of \$114 in personal expenditures for each student for the summer.

Petitions for the Mexico Project may be picked up in the ASUO office from 3-5 p.m. and are due today. Fink stated that late applicants would be accepted until Friday, but that the petitions were needed Wednesday in order to get the process of selection under way.

FINK ADDED that when the

ten are chosen, there will be several orientation meetings to acquaint the project members with their responsibilities in the project, with the plans that have been made, and with technicalities. At the orientation meetings, Fink said, he will show slides of the project site taken by himself earlier this year, to give the students some information on the area, and prepare them with some understanding of that part of Mexico.

Petitions for students interested in working on the Mexico Project are due today, although late ones will be accepted until Friday. The petitions are available from 3 to 5 p.m. daily on the SU third floor.

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store will be entirely up to the Co-op Board.

BECAUSE the board is governed by the corporate laws of the state of Oregon, Henson said that there would possibly be some legal question concerning the outcome of the ASUO ballot and its effect upon the actions of the board.

Many of the critics of the present Side building have argued that it is in such bad condition structurally that it would be too expensive to rehabilitate and unsafe to retain it as it now is for long.

However, Robert Wilmsen, Eugene architect, told the Emerald that charges that the building is infested with termites and full of dry rot are "gross exaggerations."

The building, he said, was remodeled ten years ago. "There is nothing wrong with the structure," he emphasized.

"The timber and wood trusses in the building are old growth fir and better than any available today," he continued. "Mr. Henson (manager of the Co-op Store) told the Junior Chamber of Commerce last week that they have never explored the use of the Side for a bookstore. The building can be restored," he said.

SABIN COMMENTED that "If they (the Co-op Board) do not respond to the wishes of the people who have signed the petitions, it would seem to indicate either that the board is irresponsible to these people who have made their wishes clear or they are responsible to forces that we do not know about and perhaps should."

Discussing his reasons for saving the Wilcox building and the Side, Sabin said that the building offers a great deal of potential as a meeting place for students where they can talk and exchange ideas. He described it as humanly scaled for such activities.

HE ALSO said the Side has intrinsic architectural merit and is an attractive part of the town. He said the destruction of this building would "epitomize the increasing uglification of our towns."

He said there has been commercial exploitation of the community at the sacrifice of cultural value and this has proceeded far enough.

"I can't believe that the students would want to allow this to happen," he said. "Any potential for something pretty rich happening in that building will be destroyed if the building is destroyed."

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People-to-People Will Hold Meeting

There will be an assembly of the People-to-People Committee at 3 p.m. Thursday in the SU for those interested in being a buddy for a foreign student. It is mandatory for all those who have petitioned for the program or who plan to petition.

The purposes and duties of the program will be given at the assembly. Buddies will be assigned at the end of the year to those interested.

Frank Conway, Regional Director of the program, visited the University Tuesday to assist in developing the organization on campus. Conway said the program should be adapted to campus activities. People-to-People started in 1956 as a government agency. It is no longer under government control, but still operates through embassies.

TKE Purchases Chapter House

Tau Kappa Epsilon, in its 15th year on the Oregon campus, has purchased a new house at 1910 University St., which it will occupy this fall.

It is a three story colonial house, at present a private residence. The house, on a double lot, will be remodeled this summer and a wing will be added to the south side.

The new addition will include a recreation-chapter room, an extension of the dining room, study

and sleeping space. There will be all two-man study rooms and the house capacity will be about 45.

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